

COMMUNITY COLLABORATIONS

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WHY DOES COMMUNITY COLLABORATION MATTER?

Raising our community's children is a **shared partnership** with families, schools and local business & community – we all have a stake in our kids' well-being.

GMM creates space & sets expectations for **meaningful collaboration to thrive.**



WHAT WE ARE SEEING ACROSS MONTANA

- Over 250 new school-business-community partnerships formed last year
- Over \$700,000 in private funds contributed to GMM in the last 3 years
- United Way affiliates are key conveners of GMM teams across the state
- Main Street businesses, juvenile justice agencies & non-profit organizations are partnering to promote GMM, create momentum, and increase the capacity of local efforts



HOW MONTANA COLLABORATES

- **GM Anaconda's** local Rotary Club designed and provides leadership development training to HS students – topics include team building, soft skill development and tolerance
- **GM Great Falls'** United Way affiliate helped to raise awareness of GMGF with desk displays at the college, local shopping mall, City Hall
- **GM Miles City** boosted their tutoring program with peer-to-peer funds from GMM and teacher tutors with local juvenile justice funds



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- **GM Glasgow, Wolf Point, Glendive & Sidney** are partnering with OPI and **BNSF Foundation** to open up career pipelines, access to college and high-quality personal finance coursework
- **GMM and the Student Assistance Foundation** have worked with 17 local GMM teams in the past two years to increase FAFSA applications – bringing in over \$5 million in new federal college aid for students and their families
- **GM Missoula** launched a health sciences academy and International Baccalaureate and is developing academic institutes with collaboration from U of M, local employers and the Dennis & Phyllis Washington Foundation.
- **GM Rocky Boy** provides college scholarships to every graduate through local business sponsorships



HOW OPI CAN HELP SUPPORT COLLABORATION



Graduation Matters Montana School-Business Partnership Toolkit

A Toolkit for Community Leaders, Business Owners, and Educators across Montana

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We can do better.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT WHAT YOU CAN DO, PLEASE VISIT THE GRADUATION MATTERS MONTANA WEBSITE: <http://graduationmattersmt.gov>



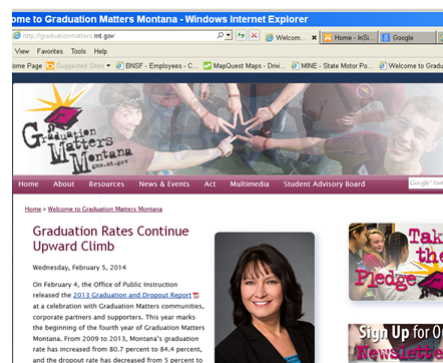
Starting a Graduation Matters Montana Initiative in Your Town

A Toolkit for Community Leaders, Business Owners, Educators, Families and Students

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- *Moderator* – Kelly Cresswell, Vice President of Foundation Activities at the Student Assistance Foundation
- *Practitioners* -
 - Lynne Scalia – Park County High School Principal in Livingston
 - Jason Sargent – St. Ignatius High School Principal
 - Dan Carter – Manager of Public & Governmental Affairs, ExxonMobil

